REMARKS

The above amendment and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action of Examiner James H. Blackwell, dated 8/23/2006.

Claims 5-8 are in the case, all being allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-8 have been allowed. Applicants cancel without prejudice claims 1-4 and 9-19.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

With the cancellation without prejudice of claims 1-4 and 9-19, only allowed claims 5-8 remain in the case.

Applicants request that the case be allowed and passed to issue.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conversation with applicant(s) attorney could possibly facilitate prosecution of the case, he may be reached at the number noted below.

Sincerely,

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